

GRIEF OVER KENNEDY TRAGEDY

A stunned world expressed sadness and disbelief at the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Flags were lowered to half-staff around the globe.

America's friends were shocked, and rushed to send condolences. Its critics blamed an atmosphere of hate in the United States, claiming it proved the violent nature of its society.

In West Berlin, some 2000 German youths marched silently through downtown streets last night to honor the slain American senator. The youths marched from Wittenberg Square to the plaza in front of the Schoeneberg City Hall named for John F. Kennedy after he was assassinated.

In Moscow, a Russian wept openly in his office. Children fell to their knees in prayer in Irish classrooms. Danes placed flowers outside the American Embassy.

The news came to Vietnam on American troops' pocket-sized transistors.

Two deaths were directly attributed to the news of the murder. In Athens, a printer exclaimed, "Oh no," and collapsed of a heart attack. He was 70. In Naples, a 68-year-old man leaped from a four-story building after telling friends he was tired of living in a world full of atrocities such as the Kennedy shooting.

U.S. embassies around the world opened black books of condolence for the admirers of Sen. Kennedy to sign as a token of grief. Kings and presidents cabled sympathy to the senator's widow and President Johnson.

Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin, deploring the "villainous assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy," sent a telegram to the senator's widow last night expressing his sincere condolences.

The Soviet parliament also sent a telegram to Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey who is also president of the Senate, saying that "the atrocious crime to which Robert Kennedy fell victim, arouses indignation of the Soviet people."

Kosygin said in his telegram

to Mrs. Kennedy: "Allow me to express my sincere condolences over the grave loss befallen to you and your family."

"The villainous assassination of your husband, Robert F. Kennedy, breeds the feeling of profound indignation of the Soviet people."

The official Kremlin newspaper, Izvestia, charged that by playing up the Jordanian origin of the alleged assassin, Sirhan Sirhan, some forces in America were attempting to absolve the American way of life.

East Germany, Poland and Cuba echoed the theme, but other Communist nations were more sympathetic. Czechoslovakian foreign ministry issued a statement which said, "The Kennedy assassination was a shocking human tragedy not

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General Thant led a procession of diplomats to the U.S. mission to sign a condolence book. Many Japanese wept on the streets.

The Middle East had expressions of regret, but many said Kennedy paid for what Arabs regard as America's pro-Israeli policy. Athens newspapers, once instructed by the military government to limit coverage on the campaign of the senator, a critic of the current regime, were allowed to print extra editions.

Premier George Papadopoulos, while Hünnerth said: "It is imperative that were unanimous cruelty be wiped from public the 'sick society' life forever." pupils of two H. Canada's Prime Minister, Pi-schools sent telegrams. erre Elliott Trudeau, said the American senator's death is "a blow to sympathy of all of us." death.